

Court of the county upon the form furnished him as hereinafter provided, for which registration he shall be paid fifty cents by the applicant.

7. That it shall be the duty of the North Carolina State Nurses' Association to prescribe a proper form of the certificate required by this act, and to furnish the same in sufficient quantity suitably bound in a book and labelled "Register of Trained Nurses" to the Clerk of the court of each county in the State.

8. The said Board of Examiners shall have power after twenty-days' notice of the charges preferred and the time and place of meeting, and after a full and fair hearing on the same, by a majority vote of the whole board, to revoke any license issued by them for gross incompetency, dishonesty, habitual intemperance, or any other act in the judgment of the board derogatory to the morals or standing of the profession of nursing. Upon the revocation of a license or certificate, the name of the holder thereof shall be stricken from the roll of registered nurses in the hands of the secretary of the board, and upon notification of such action by said secretary by the Clerk of the court from his register.

9. That any person procuring license under this act by false representation, or who shall refuse to surrender a license which has been revoked in the manner prescribed in Section 8, or who shall use the title "Registered Nurse" or "R.N." without first having obtained license to do so, shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction shall be fined not more than fifty dollars or imprisonment not exceeding thirty days.

10. That nothing in this act shall in any manner whatever curtail or abridge the right and privilege of any person to pursue the vocation of a nurse, whether trained or untrained, registered or not registered.

11. That this act shall be in force from and after its ratification.

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## NEW JERSEY BILL

Became a law April 7, 1903

1. Any graduate nurse desiring to practise the profession of a trained nurse must first obtain a license from the Clerk of the county in which such applicant resides, and the Clerk thereof is hereby authorized to issue such license, provided said applicant shall present to him a diploma awarded by a training-school connected with a hospital of this State where at least two-years' practical and theoretical training is required before its students are graduated as trained nurses; if the said diploma does not show the term required by the training-school awarding the same, then the applicant must file with the County Clerk an affidavit made by the secretary of said training-school, or the president of the faculty thereof, setting forth the term of practical and theoretical training required by said training-school of its students before they are graduated as trained nurses.

2. Any person heretofore awarded a diploma of a graduate nurse by training-schools of this State other than those mentioned in the preceding section may apply to the Clerk of the county in which such applicant resides for the license provided by this act, and such clerk is hereby authorized to issue same if the person making such application was awarded such diploma upon the completion of at least two years' practical and theoretical training in nursing.

3. Any graduate nurse holding a diploma of a trained nurse awarded by a training-school of another State may obtain a license to practise such profession

in this State provided the training-school awarding such diploma shall require the same qualifications of its graduate nurses as are provided for applicants of this State; if the diploma of said non-resident applicant does not show the course of training required by the training-school awarding the same, then the applicant shall file an affidavit of the secretary of the hospital connected with said training-school or the president thereof, setting forth the requirements of said training-school before diplomas are awarded to its students; graduate nurses residing out of the State and seeking the license herein provided may apply to the Clerk of any county in this State upon being identified by a resident thereof.

4. Before any license shall be issued to an applicant under the provisions of this act, a fee of fifty cents shall be paid to the Clerk issuing the same.

5. The said license shall be in form as follows:

"STATE OF NEW JERSEY, } ss.  
County of }  
"To whom it may concern, greeting:

"This is to certify that..... (giving place of residence) is authorized to practise the profession of a graduate nurse in the State of New Jersey in accordance with the laws thereof.

"In witness whereof I have hereto attached my name and official seal this ..... day of ..... Anno Domini one thousand nine hundred and .....

[SEAL]

".....  
"Clerk of the County. ...."

6. Any person violating any of the provisions of this act shall for every offence forfeit and pay the sum of fifty dollars, to be used for and recovered by the Prosecutor of the Pleas for the use of the county in which such offence is committed. Provided, however, that this act shall not apply to graduate nurses, residents of a foreign State, who shall have at least two-years' practical and theoretical training, or have graduated from a training-school connected with a public hospital, who shall visit this State as a companion or nurse for a non-resident of this State sojourning within the State, or who shall be called in a case by any resident physician of this state. Provided, also, that nothing in this act shall be held or construed as preventing or in any way interfering with any person or persons practising the profession or business of nurses or nursing without obtaining a license for that purpose if they do not advertise or hold themselves out as a graduate nurse.

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### NEW YORK BILL

Became a law April 27, 1903

206. *Who may Practice as Registered Nurses.*—Any resident of the State of New York, being over the age of twenty-one years and of good moral character, holding a diploma from a training-school for nurses connected with a hospital or sanitarium giving a course of at least two years, and registered by the Regents of the University of the State of New York as maintaining in this and other respects proper standards, all of which shall be determined by the said Regents, and who shall have received from the said Regents a certificate of his or her qualifications to practise as a registered nurse, shall be styled and known as a registered nurse,

and no other person shall assume such title, or use the abbreviation "R.N." or any other words, letters, or figures to indicate that the person using the same is such a registered nurse. Before beginning to practise nursing every such registered nurse shall cause such certificate to be recorded in the County Clerk's office of the county of his or her residence with an affidavit of his or her identity as the person to whom the same was so issued and of his or her place of residence within such county. In the month of January, nineteen hundred and six, and in every thirty-sixth month thereafter, every registered nurse shall again cause his or her certificate to be recorded in the said County Clerk's office, with an affidavit of his or her identity as the person to whom the same was issued, and of his or her place of residence at the time of such re-registration. Nothing contained in this act shall be considered as conferring any authority to practise medicine or to undertake the treatment or cure of disease in violation of article eight of this chapter.

207. *Board of Examiners; Examination; Fees.*—Upon the taking effect of this act the New York State Nurses' Association shall nominate for examiners ten of their members who have had not less than five years' experience in their profession, and at each annual meeting of said association thereafter two other candidates. The Regents of the University of the State of New York shall appoint a board of five examiners from such list. One member of said board shall be appointed for one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, and one for five years. Upon the expiration of the term of office of any examiner the said Regents shall likewise fill the vacancy for a term of five years and until his or her successor is chosen. An unexpired term of an examiner caused by death, resignation, or otherwise shall be filled by the Regents in the same manner as an original appointment is made. The said Regents, with the advice of the Board of Examiners above provided for, shall make rules for the examination of nurses applying for certification under this act, and shall charge for examination and for certification a fee of five dollars to meet the actual expenses, and shall report annually their receipts and expenditures under the provisions of this act to the State Comptroller, and pay the balance of receipts over expenditures to the State Treasurer. The said Regents may revoke any such certificate for sufficient cause after written notice to the holder thereof and hearing thereon. No person shall thereafter practise as a registered nurse under any such revoked certificate.

208. *Waiver of Examinations.*—The Regents of the University of the State of New York may, upon the recommendation of said Board of Examiners, waive the examination of any persons possessing the qualifications mentioned in section two hundred and six, who shall have been graduated before, or who are in training at the time of, the passage of this act and shall hereafter be graduated, and of such persons now engaged in the practice of nursing as have had three-years' experience in a general hospital prior to the passage of this act, who shall apply in writing for such certificate within three years after the passage of this act, and shall also grant a certificate to any nurse of good moral character, who has been engaged in the actual practice of nursing for not less than three years next prior to the passage of this act, who shall satisfactorily pass an examination in practical nursing within three years hereafter.

209. *Violations of this Article.*—Any violation of this article shall be a misdemeanor. When any prosecution under this article is made on complaint of the New York State Nurses' Association, the certificate of incorporation of which was filed and recorded in the office of the Secretary of State on the second day of April,

nineteen hundred and two, the fines collected shall be paid to said association, and any excess in the amount of fines so paid over the expenses incurred by said association in enforcing the provisions of this article shall be paid at the end of each year to the Treasurer of the State of New York.

2. Article twelve of the public health law, consisting of sections two hundred and ten to two hundred and twenty, inclusive, is hereby renumbered as article thirteen of said law.

3. This act shall take effect immediately.

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### **VIRGINIA BILL**

Became a law May, 1903

1. *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia,* That within sixty days after the passage of this act the Governor of this State shall appoint a State Board of Examiners of graduate nurses, to be composed of five (5) members, to be selected by the Governor from twelve (12) nominations submitted to him by the Virginia State Association of Graduate Nurses. One of the members of this board shall be designated to hold office one year, one for two years, one for three years, one for four years, one for five years; and thereafter, upon the expiration of the term of office of the person so appointed, the Governor of the State shall appoint a successor to each person whose term of office shall expire to hold office for five years, and the person so appointed shall be selected by the Governor from a list of seven nominations submitted to him by the Virginia State Association of Graduate Nurses. In case appointment of a successor is not made before the expiration of the term of any member, such member shall hold office until a successor is appointed and duly qualified. Any vacancy occurring in membership of the board shall be filled by the Governor of this State for the unexpired term of such membership.

2. The members of the State Board of Examiners of registered nurses shall, before entering on the discharge of their duties, make and file with the Secretary of the Commonwealth the constitutional oath of office. They shall, as soon as organized, and annually thereafter in the month of January, elect from their number a president and a secretary, who shall be the treasurer. The treasurer, before entering upon his or her duties, shall file a bond with the Secretary of the Commonwealth for such sum as shall be required of him or her by the said Secretary of the Commonwealth. The board shall adopt rules and regulations not inconsistent with this act to govern its proceedings, and also a seal, and the secretary shall have the care and custody thereof, and he or she shall keep a record of all proceedings of the board, including a register of the names of all nurses duly registered under this act, which shall be open at all reasonable times to public scrutiny; and the board shall cause the prosecution of all persons violating any of the provisions of this act, and may incur necessary expense on that behalf. The secretary of the board may receive a salary, which may be fixed by the board, and which shall not exceed one hundred dollars (\$100.00) per annum; she or he shall also receive travelling and other expenses incurred in the performance of her or his official duties. The other members of the board shall receive the sum of one dollar for each day actually engaged in this service, and all legitimate and necessary expenses incurred in attending the meeting of said board. Said expenses and salaries shall be paid from the fees received by the board under the provisions of this act, and no part of the salary